

I Believe

Bold Church

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CHAIR TIME TOOLS



- 1) What is God saying to you about repentance? Is there something you need to surrender to Him?
- 2) Who does God want you to connect with at a deeper level in the church?
- 3) Are there other bold measures that God is asking of you regarding your commitment to the church?

Message Thread: As the Church, my bold commitments are the result of what I believe. *What are you committed to?*

Text: Luke 24:25 - 48 NLT

4 Commitments the Church makes:

1. Commitment to follow Jesus
2. Commitment to each other
3. Commitment to our generation
 - We know why we are here.
 - Our Vision - "People experiencing God"
 - What we see for you!
 - Our Mission - "Empowering people to live as fully devoted followers of Jesus."
 - What we spend our time and efforts doing as Heights Church!
4. Commitment to grow deeper
 - Weekend gathering
 - Chair Time
 - Life Groups, Life Group Labs
 - Serving

Challenge:

- Take BOLD MEASURES
- How is God speaking to you about your commitments as the church moves forward?



DEVOTIONALS
& MESSAGE
RESOURCES

Life Group Homework
I Believe (Bold Church)
Winter 2023 | Week 3
Message Date 1/29/2023

MY STORY



- 1) If you had a time machine, would you go back in time or into the future?
- 2) Do you think you could live without your smartphone (or other technology item) for 30 days?

QUICK REVIEW



- 3) What caught your attention from Sunday's message?

DIGGING DEEPER / TAKING IT HOME



This week we are still thinking about Bold Measures and in particular a bold church. We will be unpacking 4 different commitments that will help us become that very thing. We recognize that a bold church starts with me. We will be diving into some honest questions about ourselves and doing a little soul-searching this week. My goal is not to make anyone feel bad, but we need to be honest with ourselves, just as we are, to know what steps to take. Our goal should be to lean in deeper to Jesus so we can grow closer to Him.

Here's a little background to help us understand the context of the following passage. Jesus has risen and the apostles have just received the Holy Spirit. They are speaking in tongues (other languages unknown to the speaker) and are being understood by many in the crowd. Some accuse them of being drunk, and Peter stands up with this response.

Read Acts 2:14-41(NLT)

- 4) How did Peter's words affect the crowd, and what was their response?
- 5) What did Peter tell them to do in response?
- 6) What does it mean to repent, and why is it important in an ongoing basis?

7) Have you ever struggled with repentance or felt like you kept circling the same sin or behavior? What was it like?

8) In thinking about a bold church and the thread that our beliefs impact our actions, how will having a healthy view of repentance strengthen our church?

Please remember God is about grace; change takes time and sometimes other people. Truly moving on from a sin we are stuck in requires a bold commitment to Christ first, and He transforms us from the inside out. But I must begin with the belief that His way is the BEST way, not just a suggestion.

The second commitment is the commitment to others and fellowship.

Acts 2:42-47(NLT)

42 All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer. 43 A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. 44 And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. 45 They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. 46 They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity⁴⁷ all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.

- 9) What did the people do in this passage?
- 10) Why is the commitment to staying connected to people of God so crucial for bold measures in the church?
- 11) What steps do you need to take to have bold measures regarding your commitment to people of God?